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4. With reference to the statement in the address that the repair of channels at the expense of Government has been the custom and the right and the privilege of the ryot, Government are advised that they are not under any legal obligation to repair Government irrigation works. If there be any liability to repair, it lies rather on those who are entitled to enjoy the water from each irrigation work. Under Madras Act I of 1858, the ryots are legally bound to contribute labour for the execution of works for the purpose of irrigation or drainage which have by local custom been usually executed by the joint labour of the village community. Any neglect or failure to perform this obligation disentities them to the grace of Government in the way of remissions.

5. The Government are not prepared to lay down specifically what is or what is not included in kudimaramat, but as it is understood that all channels in the Tanjore delta over which the Government at present exercise control in the matter of maintenance are now in charge of the Public Works Department, the Superintending Engineer will, in consultation with the Collector, prepare and submit for the orders of Government a complete list of channels which may conveniently, in their opinion, be maintained by Government. These channels, subject to any future modification of the list that the Government may consider necessary, will be in the direct and immediate charge of the Public Works Department, and all other channels will be left to be maintained by the ryots under kudimaramat

(True extract)

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,, Chief Engineer for Irrigation.
,, Superintending Engineer, V Circle.
,, Revenue Department.
,, Board of Revenue (Revenue Settlement).
,, Examiner, Public Works Accounts.

APPENDIX V.

[Vide item II "Communications to the Council" at page 121 supra.]

[Vide answer to Legislative Council question No. 1469 answered at the meeting of the Legislative Council on 25th January 1928.]

Letter from the Inspector-General of Registration, dated the 20th January 1928, No. 175–Est./27.

I enclose a statement showing particulars of appointments of Probationary Sub-Registrars and clerks made during the year 1927. Out of 28 appointments of Probationary Sub-Registrars 13 were Telugus and 13 were Tamilians. Probationary Sub-Registrars are on a provincial scale and are recruited with reference to linguistic requirements. Telugus are already over-represented as there are 176 Telugu Sub-Registrars and 25 Probationary

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Sub-Registrars against 171 Telugu offices. Clerks are on a district scale and are recruited from men conversant with the vernacular of the district, their work being mostly in the vernacular. Out of 532 acting and temporary clerks, who were appointed for the first time during the year, 178 were Telugus and 272 were Tamilians. Registration in the Tamil districts is far more advanced than registration in the Telugu districts.

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ANNEXURE.

	Clause (a). Number of appointments made during 1927.				Clause (b). Number confirmed.			
	Telugus.	Tamilians.	Others.	Total.	Telugus.	Tamilians.	Others.	Total.
Probationary Sub-Registrars.	* 13	† 13	2	28	..	..	..	..
Clerks (acting and temporary).	178	272	82	532	..	2	..	2

* Four did not join their appointments. † Three did not join their appointments.

Appendix VI.

[Vide item II " Communications to the Council " at page 121 supra.]

With reference to the answer given to clause (g) of question No. 1417 at the meeting of the Legislative Council held on 25th January 1928, the following note is laid on the table :—

Legislative Council Question No. 1417, clause (g). Answered on 25th January 1928.

Invitations were issued to subscribers in the following form :—

The South Kanara District Police Sports
will be held on Wednesday, 12th October at 3-15 p.m.

His Excellency Lord Goschen
will distribute Police Rewards.

The Viscountess Goschen
has kindly consented to give away the prizes.
The honour of the presence of

Mr. and Mrs.————————————————

is solicited.

Mr. and Mrs. V. Rajagopal Thamban will be at Home.
* Please show this card at the entrance.